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Memorandum for: Mr. Walter Pforzheimer

Subject: Expiration of Laws of Interest to the Agency

1. Confirming our conversation, paragraph 86 of Bureau of the Budget Circular A-11 calls for a statement of the Agency legislative program including a list of each law or provision of law of interest to the Agency which will expire during the term of the Congress which will consider the proposed budget. As you are aware, certain statutory provisions were continued in existence through the Emergency Powers Interim Continuation Act, Public Law 350, 82nd Congress, and the Emergency Powers Continuation Act, Public Law 450, 82nd Congress.

2. For the most part the statutes enumerated in the Emergency Powers Continuation Act have lapsed by terms of the act itself or Public Law 96 of the 83rd Congress which extended certain statutes up to 1 August 1953. At that time, the Congress specifically extended some of the acts therein enumerated by specific amendments to the act. For example, the Act of April 4, 1953, 83rd Congress, extending the effectiveness of the Missing Persons Act until 1 February 1954 and the Act of April 4, 1953, Public Law 20, extending until 1 July 1955 the period during which personal and household effects brought into the United States under Government orders are exempt from duty.

3. I have learned from the Comptroller that the provisions of Circular A-11 were the subject of oral discussion with the Bureau of the Budget, no listing of statutes being made under the paragraph cited because of the basic considerations raised by the Agency legislative program. Since none of the statutes was of specific interest to the Agency, the Bureau of the Budget was further informed that the Agency would consider them as they arose, at which time an indication of support or no interest would be made. I would therefore recommend that the procedure employed in last year's presentation be continued and that statutes of general applicability such as the

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Missing Persons Act either be supported or be incorporated as a legislative "must" in the Agency legislative program as suggested by the Chairman, Career Service Board, and the Bureau of the Budget be appropriately advised.

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